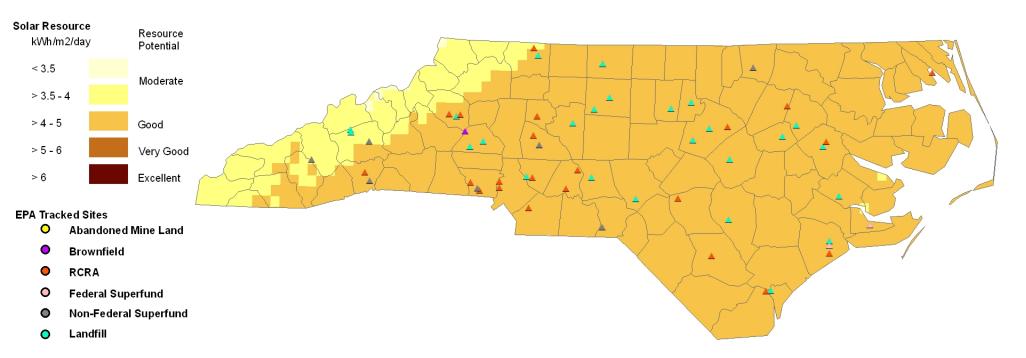
# EPA Tracked Sites in North Carolina with Photovoltaic (PV) Policy Driven Solar Energy Generation Potential



## PV Type

PV Policy Driven Only

#### Site Characteristics

Resource availability:

 PV policy driven: State has a RPS that promotes solar development; no sites are excluded based on resource availability

Distance to transmission lines of 10 miles or less Property size of 40 acres or more Distance to graded roads of 25 miles or less

#### Number of sites

40 to 100 acres: 20 sites 100 to 200 acres: 16 sites Greater than 200 acres: 22 sites Total: 58 sites; 328,791 acres

### Quick Facts on State Solar Energy Policy as of December 2009

A state renewable portfolio standard (RPS) that includes a solar set-aside requires a percentage of the state's electricity be generated from solar resources. An RPS can also include a solar multiplier that gives additional credit in meeting the RPS for solar projects or require an increase in distributed generation (i.e., electricity generation close to the point of use), which can spur solar development. Policy driven demand for electricity generated from solar resources may increase the viability of PV solar generation at a site that would otherwise not be considered viable based on solar resource availability.

12.5% by 2021 (IOUs); 12% by 2018 (co-ops and RPS Requirement municipal utilities)

Solar Set-Aside Requirement 0.2% by 2018 (est. 280 MW by 2025)

Solar Multiplier N/A
Distributed Generation Requirement N/A
Installed PV Solar Capacity (2008) 4.7 MW

Average Solar Renewable Energy Credit (1 MWh) Not readily available

Average Electricity Tariff for 2007 (1 kWh) \$0.0783

portion of states as shown in the map below.

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North Carolina Entire State

To partially meet its RPS requirement, NC can purchase solar renewable

energy credits from entire states or a



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